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John Hand, 1636-1690 was son of Joseph who was
father of Daniel

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THE LINE OF DESCENDANTS FROM JOHN HAND, EARLY SETTLER

John Hand, 1611 England – 1660 NY

Married 1633

Alice Gransden, 1613 England – 1662 NY

Stephen Hand, 1674 England – 1693 NY

Married 1660

Sarah Bancroft Stratton, 1647? MA –

Samuel Hand, 1668 to 1672 NY –

Married

Elizabeth

Nehemiah Hand, 1700 NY or NJ – 1776 NJ

Married

Lydia, 1701 NJ – 1776 NJ

(some think Nehemiah was son of Joseph who was
another son of Stephen)

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- 1 **John Hand** b: 1611 in Stansted, Maidstone, Kent County, England d: Abt. January 24, 1659/60 in East Hampton, Long Island, New York
- +**Alice Gransden** m: 1633 in Tunbridge, Kent County, England b: November 28, 1613 in Tunbridge, Kent County, England d: 1662 in East Hampton, Long Island, New York
- 2 **John Hand** d: Bef. 1687
- 2 **Stephen Hand** b: 1634 in Tonbridge, Kent County, England d: April 15, 1693 in East Hampton, Long Island, New York
- +**Sarah Bancroft Statton** m: 1660 in Wethersfield, Essex Co., MA b: Abt. 1647 in of East Hampton, Suffolk Co., NY d: in East Hampton??? 1670.....see notes
- 3 **Stephen Hand II** b: February 08, 1674/75 in East Hampton, Long Island, New York d: November 13, 1740 in at age 79.....or August 14, 1755 at East Guilford??
- 4 **Stephen Hand III**
- +**Elizabeth Dollafer** m: December 21, 1745
- 3 **Joseph Hand** b: 1664 in East Hampton, Long Island, New York.....Suffolk Co. d: July 08, 1713 in East Hampton, Long Island, New York
- +**Elizabeth** b: Abt. 1668 in EAsT Hampton, Long Island, New York
- 4 **Nehemiah Hand** b: 1700 in Cape May, Cape May Co., New Jersey
- 3 **Samuel Hand** b: Bet. 1668 - 1672
- +**Elizabeth**
- 4 **Nehemiah Hand** b: 1700 in Long Island, New York or Cape May, New Jersey d: December 27, 1776 in Borough of Elizabeth, Essex County, New Jersey
- +**Lydia** b: Abt. 1701 in Cape May, Cape May Co., New Jersey d: November 09, 1776 in Borough of Elizabeth, Essex County, New Jersey
- 5 **Hezekiah Hand** b: Bet. 1726 - 1730 in Westfield, New Jersey d: April 07, 1800 in Westfield, Essex County, New Jersey
- +**Wife Two Nancy**
- 6 **Hezekiah Hand**
- 6 **Robert Hand** b: September 06, 1764
- 6 **Nehemiah Hand** b: September 06, 1764
- 6 **Jacob Hand** b: Abt. 1766
- 6 **Nancy Hand**
- *2nd Wife of Hezekiah Hand:
- +**Phoebe Hand** m: November 1754 b: Bef. November 09, 1729 in Wainscott, New York
-may be baptism date
- 6 **John Hand** b: 1752
- 6 **David Hand** b: 1754
- 6 **Sarah Hand** b: 1756
- 6 **Elizabeth Hand** b: 1758
- 6 **Charity Hand** b: 1760
- *3rd Wife of Hezekiah Hand:
- +**Anna Nancy Ferrgo** m: December 30, 1768 in Springfield, Essex County, New Jersey b: 1750 in Springfield, Essex County, New Jersey
- 6 **William Hand** b: 1772
- 6 **Martha Hand** b: Bef. 1772
- 6 **Phebe Hand** b: Bef. 1774
- 6 **Mary Hand** b: 1778
- 6 **Henry Hand** b: 1779
- 6 **Jotham Hand** b: 1784
- 6 **Charlotte Hand** b: 1782
- 6 **Tabitha Hand** b: 1786
- 6 **Anna Nancy Hand** b: 1788
- 6 **Jonathon Hand** b: October 08, 1789
- 6 **Rhoda Hand**
- 6 **Infant Child Hand**
- 5 **Samuel Hand** b: 1728 in Westfield, Essex County, New Jersey d: Abt. 1817 in Beaver Harbor, New Brunswick, Canada ...see notes
- +**Phebe Lum** m: 1758 in Morris County, New Jersey
- 6 **Obadiah Hand** b: December 22, 1759
- 6 **Phebe Hand** b: April 15, 1767

..... 6 Elizabeth Hand b: 1770
 6 Mary Hand
 6 Hannah Hand
 6 Susannah Hand
 5 Benjamin Hand b: 1730 in Rahway, New Jersey d: Bef. 1772
 +Katherine Keyt m: November 17, 1754 in Elizabethtown, New Jersey
 6 Ellis Hand b: April 1757
 5 Nehemiah Hand, Jr. b: 1733 in Piscataway, New Jersey
 5 Stephen Hand b: July 12, 1734 in Westfield, New Jersey d: June 15, 1821 in Prob.
 Piscataway, New Jersey
 6 Jesse Hand b: Abt. 1756 in Scotch Plains, Essex Co., New York
 6 Samuel Hand b: Abt. 1759
 6 Isaac Hand
 6 Enoch Hand
 6 Lydia Hand
 6 Abigail Hand
 6 Jane Hand
 6 Andrew Hand
 6 Lewis Hand
 6 Stephen Hand
 6 Nathan Hand b: 1781
 6 Hannah Hand
 6 Mary Hand
 6 Sarah Hand
 6 Phebe Hand
 6 Nehemiah Hand b: Abt. 1787
 6 Oliver Hand b: Abt. 1790
 6 Betsy Hand
 6 Peggy Hand
 6 John Meeler Hand b: Abt. 1792
 6 J. Smith Hand
 6 Ezra Hand b: Abt. 1799
 6 James Hand b: October 30, 1801 in Scotch Plains, Essex Co., New York
 5 Phebe Hand b: Bet. 1735 - 1748 in Bernardsville, New Jersey
 +Cornelius Van Derbilt
 6 Cornelius Van Derbilt, Jr.
 5 Abraham Hand b: 1738 in Piscataway, New Jersey
 5 Daniel Hand b: Abt. 1740 in Bernardsville, New Jerseyor 1738 d: 1778 in
 Bernardsville, New Jersey
 +Mary Coles m: in Probably Green Brook, Somerset Co., New Jersey b: Abt. 1742 in
 Green Brook, Somerset County, New Jersey d: January 09, 1831 in Butler County, Ohio
 6 Benjamin Hand b: Abt. 1764 in Elizabeth, Union County, New Jersey...or Green
 Brook
 +Phebe Wood b: Abt. 1768 in Elizabethtown, Essex, New Jersey
 7 John Hand b: Abt. 1790 in Essex County, New Jersey
 7 Electa Hand b: August 15, 1792 in Essex County, New Jersey d: July 02, 1868
 7 Daniel Hand b: 1794 in Essex County, New Jersey
 7 Dennis Hand b: 1796 in Essex County, New Jersey
 7 Polly Hand b: 1798 in Essex County, New Jersey
 7 Joseph Hand b: 1800 in Essex County, New Jersey
 7 Betsey Hand b: 1802 in Essex County, New Jersey
 6 William Hand
 6 John Hand
 6 Phebe Hand b: July 11, 1775 in Somerset County, New Jersey d: November 27, 1850
 in Shelby County, IN
 +Ephraim Tucker m: February 20, 1791 in Somerset County, New Jersey b: May 25,
 1770 in Westfield, Essex County, New Jersey
 7 Ephraim Tucker III b: December 16, 1792
 7 Elijah Hand Tucker b: November 20, 1794
 7 Cornelius Frazee Tucker b: May 19, 1796

..... 7 James Cole Tucker b: May 19, 1796
 7 Sarah Ann Tucker b: December 25, 1798
 7 Elizabeth Betsey Tucker b: March 07, 1800
 7 Hannah Tucker b: September 17, 1802
 7 Rhoda Tucker b: September 09, 1804
 7 Daniel L. Tucker b: October 12, 1806
 7 Mary Tucker b: November 22, 1808
 7 Joseph L. Tucker b: July 19, 1811
 7 Henry Lines Tucker b: November 17, 1814
 7 Phoebe Tucker b: May 21, 1816
 5 John Hand b: Abt. 1742
 3 Abigail Hand b: 1668 in East Hampton, Long Island, New York
 3 Sarah Hand b: Bet. 1666 - 1668 d: 1735
 3 Alice Hand b: January 02, 1669/70 in East Hampton, Long Island, New York d: Aft. 1709 in Saybrook, New Haven Co., CT
 3 Elizabeth Hand b: January 27, 1671/72 in East Hampton, Long Island, New York d: Bet. 1710 - 1711
 3 Rebecca Hand b: 1674 in East Hampton, Long Island, New York d: 1719 in Guilford, New Haven Co., CT
 3 Sarah Hand b: 1674 in East Hampton, Long Island, New York
 3 Esther Hand b: 1674 in East Hampton, Long Island, New York
 3 Elizabeth Hand b: 1678 in East Hampton, Long Island, New York d: 1711
 3 Abigail Hand b: 1681 in called of Wethersfield, Hartford, CT d: April 18, 1747 in Wethersfield, Hartford, CT
 2 Joseph Hand b: 1637 in Ashford, Kent, England d: January 02, 1724/25 in East Guilford, New Haven Co., CT
 +Jane Wright m: Bet. 1662 - 1664 in East Guilford, New Haven Co., CT b: 1643 in East Guilford, CT, New Haven Co., CT d: December 16, 1724 in East Guilford, CT, New Haven Co., CT
 3 Sarah Hand b: March 02, 1663/64 in East Guilford, CT, New Haven Co., CT d: August 01, 1751 in East Guilford, CT, New Haven Co., CT
 3 Jane Hand b: September 1668 in East Guilford, CT, New Haven Co., CT d: December 03, 1683 in East Guilford, CT, New Haven Co., CT
 3 Joseph Hand b: April 02, 1671 in East Guilford, CT, New Haven Co., CT d: 1699
 3 Benjamin Hand b: February 02, 1672/73 in East Guilford, CT, New Haven Co., CT d: August 10, 1744 in Middletown, Hartford Co., CT
 3 Stephen Hand b: February 08, 1674/75 in East Hampton, Long Island, New York d: August 14, 1755 in East Guilford, CT, New Haven Co., CT
 3 Elizabeth Hand b: March 12, 1676/77 in East Guilford, CT, New Haven Co., CT d: 1767
 3 Silence Hand b: November 12, 1679 in East Guilford, CT, New Haven Co., CT d: 1725 in Middletown, Middlesex Co., CT
 3 Ann Hand b: July 10, 1683 in East Guilford, CT, New Haven Co., CT d: in New Haven, CT
 3 Jane Hand b: April 25, 1686 in East Guilford, CT, New Haven Co., CT d: October 27, 1747 in New Haven, CT
 2 Shagar Hand
 +Unknown Pierson
 3 Josiah Hand d: 1739 in Southampton, Long Island, NY
 4 David Hand
 4 Mathew Hand
 4 Thomas Hand
 4 Mary Hand
 +Unknown Mulford
 4 Johanna Hand
 +Unknown Flint
 4 Sarah Hand
 2 Benjamin Hand
 +Elizabeth Whittier
 2 Thomas Hand b: 1646 d: 1714 in Drowned at Cape May, New Jersey
 3 John Hand
 3 George Hand
 3 Thomas Hand b: 1677 d: 1733

..... +Jerusha Dayton b: 1680 d: Abt. 1733
..... 4 Thomas Hand
..... 4 Lucy Hand
..... 4 Mary Hand
..... 4 Cedia Hand
..... 4 Jermiah Hand
..... 4 Jerusha Hand
..... 4 Aaron Hand
..... 4 Levi Hand b: March 04, 1727/28
..... 3 Jeremiah Hand
..... 3 Recompense Hand
..... 3 Prudence Hand
..... 3 Deborah Hand
..... 3 Alice Hand
..... 2 James Hand b: Abt. 1651 d: November 13, 1733
..... +Daughter Natl Bishop d: May 02, 1704
..... 3 Nathaniel Hand
..... 3 James Hand II d: 1761
..... +Wife Number One d: June 17, 1727
..... 4 James Hand III d: October 1757
..... +Mary Hand m: November 13, 1735
..... 5 Jeremiah Hand
..... 5 James Hand IV
..... 5 Elizabeth Hand
..... 4 Samuel Hand d: Bef. October 19, 1754 in the date of his father's will
..... +Elizabeth Rusco d: in at an advanced age in home of son Nathaniel Hand
..... 5 Nathaniel Hand b: April 07, 1739 d: March 14, 1820 in East Hampton, Long Island, New York
..... +Esther Mulford
..... 6 Esther Hand b: 1764
..... +Benjamin Conkling
..... 7 Alfred Conkling
..... 6 Elizabeth Hand b: 1766
..... +Nathaniel Bunce b: in of Smithtown
..... 6 Mary Hand b: 1769
..... +John Saxton
..... 6 Mulford Hand b: 1771 d: February 1855 in Amagansett, about 80 years
..... +Mary Baker
..... 7 Charles R. Hand
..... +Betsey Sherrill b: 1797
..... 7 Caroline Hand
..... +Henry Schellenger
..... 7 Harriet Hand
..... +Talmage Barnes
..... 7 William C. Hand b: 1805
..... +Nancy
..... 7 Augustus Hand b: in of Brooklyn, NY
..... +Susan Van Pelt
..... 7 Alfred Hand
..... 7 Mary Hand
..... +George N. Stretton
..... 7 Jane Hand
..... +Jonathan Stretton
..... 6 Rebecca Hand b: 1774
..... +David Conkling b: in of Amagansett
..... 6 Nathaniel Hand b: 1776
..... 5 Abraham Hand b: Abt. 1741
..... 5 Esther Hand b: May 07, 1743
..... 5 Nathan Hand b: May 14, 1747
..... 4 Ezekiel Hand

..... +Johanna Miller m: December 14, 1737
..... 5 Samuel Hand b: January 1761
..... 5 Nehemiah Hand
..... 5 Experience Hand
..... 4 Desire Hand d: in prob. died young as another girl was named Desire later
..... 4 Mary Hand
..... +Unknown Thorn
..... 4 Sarah Hand
..... +John Talmage, Jr.
..... *2nd Wife of James Hand II:
..... +Rebecca Wheeler
..... 4 Jeremiah Hand
..... 4 Rebecca Hand
..... 4 Desire Hand
..... 3 Elias Hand b: 1700
..... +Esther Osborn d: April 25, 1727
..... 4 Phebe Hand
..... 4 Lemuel Hand
..... 4 Elias Hand II
..... *2nd Wife of Elias Hand:
..... +Experience Miller
..... 3 Esther Hand
..... *2nd Wife of James Hand:
..... +Elizabeth Dibble
..... 2 Mary Hand

LINE OF DESCENDANTS DOWN FROM WILLIAM HAND

William Hand, 1760 NJ – 1819 Ohio

Married 1786

Phebe Jennings, 1761 NJ – 1845 IN

Mary Polly Hand, about 1788 – unknown

Married about 1804

Joseph Vandolah, about 1771 – about 1814 Ohio

James Vandolah, 1807 Ohio – 1851 IN

Married 1832

Rebecca Tucker, 1812 VA – 1881 or 1884 IN

Frances Vandolah, 1843 IN – 1923 IN

Married 1867

Mathias Fitch, 1843 IN – 1923 IN

John B. Fitch, 1872 IN – 1947 IN

Married 1898

Rosa Belle Hollopeter, 1875 IN – 1953 IN

Otis Bernon Fitch, 1904 IN – 1976 IN

Married 1926

Esther Kathryn Doll, 1900 IN – 1999 IN

Warren John Fitch, 1929 IN – 2000 IN

Married 1950

Betty Lou Brown, 1930 IN -

- I William Hand b: 1760 in Essex Co., New Jersey d: December 16, 1819 in Sugar Creek Twp., Greene County, Ohio
- +Phebe Jennings m: June 03, 1786 in Westfield, Essex County, New Jersey b: 1761 in New Jersey d: January 14, 1845 in Allen County, IN
- 2 Mary Polly Hand b: Abt. 1788 in Essex Co., New Jersey d: in still living at the time of the 1850 Census
- +Joseph Vandolah m: Abt. 1804 in Sugar Creek Township, Greene County, Ohio b: Abt. 1771 in Hunterdon, New Jersey or Fayette Co., PA d: Abt. 1814 in Greene County, Ohio
- 3 Joseph VanDolah b: June 14, 1805 in Greene County, Ohio d: May 10, 1887 in Allen County, Indiana
- +Druscilla Nickerson m: March 14, 1839 in Allen County, IN b: June 19, 1820 d: November 10, 1886 in Allen County, Indiana
- 4 Louisa Ann Vandolah b: 1841
- +William Golden m: October 05, 1869 in Allen County, IN
- 4 [2] Elizabeth Vandolah b: 1842 in Allen County, Indiana d: February 08, 1932 in Allen County, Indiana
- +[1] Thomas J. VanDolah m: August 17, 1871 in Allen County, Indiana b: August 31, 1836 in Sugar Creek Twp., Greene County, Ohio d: September 12, 1912 in Perry Twosnhip, Allen County, Indiana
- 4 [4] Henry Fair Vandolah b: January 19, 1847 d: May 05, 1925
- +[3] Julia Ann VanDolah m: September 22, 1870 in Fort Wayne, Allen County, IN b: March 05, 1852 d: October 06, 1920 in Rock Island County, Illinois
- 4 Mary Jane Vandolah b: 1849
- +Thomas J. VanDusen m: August 10, 1872 in Allen County, Indiana
- 4 Hubbard Hubbert Vandolah b: March 10, 1850 in Allen County, Indiana d: September 05, 1918 in Cook County, Illinois....Chicago, PA train station
- +Irene Erickson m: February 28, 1878 in Allen County, IN b: 1859 d: 1932
- 4 Rebecca Vandolah b: 1851 d: 1913
- +George B. Hutzal m: June 10, 1875 in Allen County, IN
- 4 Martha Vandolah b: December 18, 1859 d: August 16, 1877
- +George W. Greenwell
- 4 James B. Vandolah b: 1861 in Allen County, IN d: May 25, 1939 in Allen County, IN
- +Odella Snider b: 1865 d: 1927
- 3 James VanDolah b: January 22, 1807 in Greene County, Ohio d: October 24, 1851 in Perry Township, Allen County, Indiana
- +Rebecca Tucker m: May 12, 1832 in Greene County, Ohio, by Squire John James, at the bride's home at Washington Mills b: May 01, 1812 in Jefferson County, Virginia, or West VA.....or June 1, 1812 d: February 16, 1881 in Perry Township, Allen County, Indiana (prob. 1884)
- 4 Benjamin H. VanDolah b: April 14, 1834 in Sugar Creek Township, Greene County, Ohio d: January 10, 1916 in Perry Township, Allen County, IN
- +Mary Harrod m: December 01, 1865 in Allen County, Indiana b: 1844
- *2nd Wife of Benjamin H. VanDolah:
- +Catherine Aaron m: October 04, 1888 in Allen County, Indiana b: December 25, 1852 in Alsace Lorraine, according to Cemetery records d: December 13, 1923 in Perry Township, Allen County, IN
- 4 [1] Thomas J. VanDolah b: August 31, 1836 in Sugar Creek Twp., Greene County, Ohio d: September 12, 1912 in Perry Twosnhip, Allen County, Indiana
- +[2] Elizabeth Vandolah m: August 17, 1871 in Allen County, Indiana b: 1842 in Allen County, Indiana d: February 08, 1932 in Allen County, Indiana
- 4 Sarah Jane VanDolah b: April 14, 1839 d: August 27, 1890
- +Alanson C. Griffin m: December 05, 1877 in Allen County, IN b: June 29, 1836 in East Hamburg, New York d: January 19, 1936 in Fort Wayne, Indiana at home of daughter
- 4 Mary Ann VanDolah b: December 25, 1840 in Perry Township, Allen County, Indiana d: April 19, 1880 in Milan Township, Allen County, Indiana per John Rohde
- +George W. Wilbur m: March 25, 1869 in Allen County, IN b: 1840 d: April 29, 1915 in Springfield Twp., Allen County, IN
- 4 Frances VanDolah b: February 19, 1843 in Perry Township, Allen County, Indiana d: May 26, 1923 in Perry Township, Allen County, Indiana

..... +Mathias Fitch m: December 01, 1867 in Allen County, Indiana b: January 16, 1843 in Perry Township, Allen County, Indiana d: December 10, 1923 in Perry Township, Allen County, Indiana

..... 4 Phebe VanDolah b: April 01, 1845 in Perry Township, Allen County, Indiana....John Rohde has March d: July 31, 1877 in Garrett, DeKalb County, IN.....from Lyons genealogy

..... +David Gump m: January 16, 1872 in Allen County, Indiana b: Abt. 1847 in Montgomery Co., Ohio.....or Miami Co., Ohio d: September 14, 1928 in date from Linda Bailey

..... 4 James Charles VanDolah, Jr. b: July 17, 1847 in Perry Township, Allen County, IN d: November 28, 1927 in Allen County, Indiana

..... 3 Sarah Ann VanDolah b: September 01, 1811 in Sugar Creek Twp., Greene County, Ohio d: April 16, 1888 in Perry Township, Allen County, Indiana

..... +William W. Anderson m: February 27, 1836 in Greene County, Ohio b: Abt. 1815 in Scotland d: Abt. 1864

..... 4 Mary Anderson b: Abt. 1836 d: April 14, 1866 in Allen County, IN

..... +Ralph Mason

..... 4 Phoebe Jane Anderson b: Abt. 1838

..... +Hippenhammer

..... 4 John Anderson b: Abt. 1840

..... +Annie Mason b: Abt. 1851

..... 4 George Anderson b: Abt. 1843

..... 4 Stephen Anderson b: Abt. 1845

..... +Mathia Martha b: Abt. 1851

..... 4 Josephine Anderson b: Abt. 1848

..... 4 Sarah Anderson b: Abt. 1850

..... +C. S. Matty

..... *2nd Husband of Sarah Anderson:

..... +Henry Clay Archer

..... 4 William W. Anderson, Jr. b: Abt. 1857

..... 3 William VanDolah b: 1812 in Greene County, Ohio d: 1824 in Greene County, Ohio

..... 3 Benjamin VanDolah b: February 07, 1812 in Sugar Creek Twp., Greene County, Ohio d: August 05, 1876 in Drury Township, Rock Island, Illinois (or Buffalo Twp)

..... +Mary Ann Faustine m: July 03, 1842 in Allen County, Indiana, Book 1C, page 22 b: 1826 in or 1816 (orvf.com)PA.....IGI record gives birth 1826 Greene Co., Ohio d: 1897

..... 4 Mary VanDolah b: 1843 in Perry Township, Allen County, IN d: 1856 in Muscatine County, Iowa

..... 4 Joseph Arthur VanDolah b: April 01, 1845 in Perry Township, Allen County, IN d: March 03, 1914 in Houlton, Columbia County, Oregon

..... +Patience Almeda Hobart m: August 30, 1868 in Muscatine County, Iowa.....or March? b: January 22, 1851 in Rock Island County, Illinois d: December 20, 1932 in Columbia County, Oregon

..... 4 Saloma C. VanDolah b: March 05, 1847 in Allen County, IN d: May 24, 1923 in Rock Island County, Illinois

..... +William Howard Simpson m: November 11, 1868 in Rock Island County, Illinois b: January 13, 1829 d: April 06, 1917

..... 4 Franklin VanDolah b: April 1849 in Allen County, IN

..... +Margaret A. Williamson

..... *2nd Wife of Franklin VanDolah:

..... +Josephine Russell b: 1854

..... *3rd Wife of Franklin VanDolah:

..... +Jennie V. Chandler m: March 24, 1884 in Muscatine County, Iowa

..... 4 [3] Julia Ann VanDolah b: March 05, 1852 d: October 06, 1920 in Rock Island County, Illinois

..... +[4] Henry Fair Vandolah m: September 22, 1870 in Fort Wayne, Allen County, IN b: January 19, 1847 d: May 05, 1925

..... 4 Sarah Ann VanDolah b: September 04, 1855 in Sweetland, Muscatine County, Iowa d: September 02, 1920 in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

..... +William James b: Abt. 1855

..... *2nd Husband of Sarah Ann VanDolah:

..... +Marshall Vine Blanchard m: December 31, 1872 in Muscatine County, Iowa b: March 05, 1852 d: January 03, 1927

..... *2nd Husband of Mary Polly Hand:
 +William Whicker m: April 05, 1819 in Spring Valley, Sugar Creek Twp., Greene County, Ohio b:
 August 27, 1760 in Probably in England d: November 02, 1851 in Delaware Co., Indiana
 3 William H. Whicker, Jr. b: February 14, 1819 in Caesar's Creek, Greene County, Ohio d: November
 24, 1906 in at the home of son-in-law F. Fisher, Fort Wayne, IN
 +Clarissa Adeline Thorp m: October 22, 1844 in DeKalb County Marriages b: Abt. 1827 in Ohio d:
 September 23, 1899
 4 Eliza Ann Whicker b: Abt. 1846 in Indiana
 +Unknown Robinson
 4 Angelina Whicker b: Abt. 1848 in Indiana.....or March 1850 d: April 20, 1927 in Fort
 Wayne, Indiana
 +Benjamin Denner m: in Fort Wayne, Allen County, IN b: June 14, 1850 in Bavaria, Germany
 4 Sarah Ann Whicker b: August 1850 in Indiana d: May 23, 1919
 +Charles E. Damon b: Abt. 1850
 4 Cynthia Minnie Whicker b: Abt. 1852
 +William Harshbarger d: February 27, 1929
 4 Charles E. Whicker
 4 George W. Whicker b: May 30, 1859 d: February 09, 1900 in Whitley County, IN
 +Jessie
 3 Stephen Whicker b: Abt. 1823 in Greene County, Ohio d: Bef. April 14, 1890
 +Julia A. m: Abt. 1848 b: Abt. 1828 in Pennsylvania d: Bet. 1870 - 1872
 4 Louisa Whicker b: March 25, 1850 d: August 16, 1854
 4 Adah Whicker b: November 29, 1859 d: June 29, 1867
 4 Thomas Whicker b: 1855
 4 John M. Whicker b: 1859 d: 1929
 +Minnie W. b: 1870 d: 1953
 4 Emma Whicker b: 1868
 *2nd Wife of Stephen Whicker:
 +Sarah Eleanor Waggoner m: September 27, 1872 in Adams County, Indiana b: September 14,
 1825 in Stark County, Ohio.....or 1827 from Barb Crompton d: January 03, 1896 in Adams
 County, Indiana.....or 1898 from Barb Crompton
 *3rd Husband of Mary Polly Hand:
 +Samuel Fought m: August 27, 1841 in DeKalb Co., IN....Marriage records.....or Aug. 26 b: Abt. 1795
 in by 1850 census records in Allen Co., IN
 2 Sarah Hand b: November 25, 1799 d: September 27, 1865 in Allen County, IN
 +William Erickson m: December 02, 1824 in Greene County, Ohio b: Abt. 1797 in Probably Delaware d:
 October 09, 1865 in Indiana
 3 George Washington Hand b: September 26, 1819 in Greene County, Ohio d: August 07, 1901 in his
 home, Eel River Township, Allen County, IN
 +Rebecca Elizabeth Caine m: February 03, 1842 in Allen County, IN b: June 24, 1824 in Greene
 County, Ohio d: July 07, 1894
 4 Josephus Hand b: February 03, 1843 in Allen County, IN d: February 10, 1843 in Allen
 County, IN
 4 Lucetta Hand b: March 24, 1844 in Allen County, IN d: 1909 in Eel River Township, Allen
 County, IN
 +Robert Dolin d: 1878
 *2nd Husband of Lucetta Hand:
 +Henry Golden b: 1846 d: 1896
 4 William Erickson Hand b: December 28, 1845 in Allen County, IN d: February 22, 1916 in
 Allen County, IN
 +Armina Mae Essex m: February 14, 1882 in Allen County, IN b: January 30, 1859 in Henry
 County, Ohio d: November 28, 1948 in Allen County, IN
 4 Sarah Elizabeth Hand b: May 06, 1848 in Allen County, IN d: October 04, 1849 in Allen
 County, IN
 4 Mary Jane Hand b: July 27, 1850 in Allen County, IN d: 1929 in California
 +Jefferson Sickler m: Abt. 1870 b: May 17, 1843 d: March 10, 1916 in Santa Cruz, California
 3 Serepta Erickson b: October 10, 1830 in Indiana ?? d: April 23, 1897 in Auburn, IN
 +William Thrush m: December 25, 1856 b: July 05, 1830 in Pennsylvania d: August 31, 1891 in
 Auburn, IN
 4 Charles W. Thrush b: 1866 in Indiana d: January 15, 1867 in Indiana

..... 4 Jesse J. Thrush b: 1868 in Indiana d: August 08, 1870 in Indiana
 4 Anna Thrush d: February 14, 1865 in Indiana
 4 John H. Thrush d: October 05, 1865 in Indiana
 4 Albert N. Thrush b: February 22, 1860 in Noble County, Indiana d: 1942 in Tombstone
 inscription indicates 1942 death
 +Ellie Pepple m: January 01, 1882 in DeKalb County, IN (New Era), by Rev. W.L. Meese b:
 1862 d: 1925
 4 George W. Thrush b: October 06, 1862 d: October 06, 1862
 4 Ella May Thrush b: November 11, 1873 d: November 11, 1873
 4 Ira A. Thrush b: Abt. 1876 in by 1880 census of parents
 2 James Hand b: Abt. 1792 in New Jersey
 +Ann
 2 Benjamin Hand b: Abt. 1790 in Essex Co., New Jersey d: August 01, 1841 in Miami County, Ohio
 +Sarah Sackett m: April 10, 1816 in Greene County, Ohio b: May 24, 1795 in Kentucky d: January 08,
 1872 in Miami County, Ohio
 3 Cyrus Hand b: Abt. 1818 in Greene County, Ohio d: Bef. 1860 in Miami County, Ohio
 +Harriet D. Suber m: July 11, 1843 in Miami County, Ohio b: Abt. 1811 d: Bef. 1860 in Miami
 County, Ohio
 4 Sarah E. Hand b: Abt. 1844
 4 Alvin Hand b: Abt. 1846
 4 Gilbert Hand b: Abt. 1848
 3 William Hand b: Abt. 1821 in Greene County, Ohio d: Abt. 1850 in Miami County, Ohio
 +Matilda Luce m: March 01, 1849 in Miami County, Ohio
 3 Nancy Hand b: October 23, 1825 in Greene County, Ohio d: September 11, 1903 in Fletcher, Miami
 County, Ohio
 +Daniel Brelsford m: January 08, 1846 in Miami County, Ohio
 2 Samuel R. Hand b: June 07, 1805 in Ohio d: June 12, 1858 in Greene County, Ohio
 +Mary m: Abt. 1830 in Ohio
 2 John Hand b: Abt. 1803 in Kentucky or Ohio d: 1837 in Greene County, Ohio
 +Sarah Jane Johnson m: October 06, 1831 in Clark County, Ohio
 3 Samuel R. Hand b: August 25, 1832 in Greene County, Ohio d: March 03, 1862
 +Caroline Knott m: October 16, 1855 in Greene County, Ohio
 3 Margaret Jane Hand b: July 27, 1835 in Greene County, Ohio d: May 18, 1892 in Clifton, Greene
 County, Ohio
 +Andrew Hood White m: April 18, 1866 b: April 27, 1835 in Chester County, South Carolina d:
 1926 in Clifton, Greene County, Ohio
 4 Florence Kennett White b: 1869 in Clifton, Greene County, Ohio d: 1947 in apparently did not
 marry
 2 Phebe Hand b: Abt. 1800 in New Jersey
 +Matthew Erickson m: June 05, 1826 in Greene County, Ohio b: Abt. 1800 in Delaware
 3 Charles Erickson b: Abt. 1829 in Greene County, Ohio
 +Elizabeth
 4 Serepta Erickson b: Abt. 1846
 4 Jennie Erickson b: Abt. 1849
 3 Serepta Erickson b: Abt. 1829
 3 William Erickson b: Abt. 1831
 3 James Erickson b: Abt. 1833
 3 Francis I. Erickson b: Abt. 1834
 3 Mary Erickson b: Abt. 1836
 3 Samuel Erickson b: Abt. 1840
 3 Elizabeth Erickson b: Abt. 1843
 3 Martha A. Erickson b: Abt. 1846
 2 Serepta Hand b: Abt. 1807 in Ohio d: Abt. 1819
 2 Betsey Hand b: Abt. 1794 in New Jersey
 2 Martha Hand b: Abt. 1796 in New Jersey

Husband: William Hand

Born: 1760
 Married: June 03, 1786
 Died: December 16, 1819

in: Essex Co., New Jersey
 in: Westfield, Essex County, New Jersey
 in: Sugar Creek Twp., Greene County, Ohio

Wife: Phebe Jennings

Born: 1761
 Died: January 14, 1845

in: New Jersey
 in: Allen County, IN

CHILDREN

1 F	Name: Mary Polly Hand Born: Abt. 1788 Married: Abt. 1804 Spouses: Joseph Vandolah, William Whicker, Samuel Fought	in: Essex Co., New Jersey in: Sugar Creek Township, Greene County, Ohio in: still living at the time of the 1850 Census
2 F	Name: Sarah Hand Born: November 25, 1799 Married: December 02, 1824 Died: September 27, 1865 Spouse: William Erickson	in: Greene County, Ohio in: Allen County, IN
3 M	Name: James Hand Born: Abt. 1792 Spouse: Ann	in: New Jersey
4 M	Name: Benjamin Hand Born: Abt. 1790 Married: April 10, 1816 Died: August 01, 1841 Spouse: Sarah Sackett	in: Essex Co., New Jersey in: Greene County, Ohio in: Miami County, Ohio
5 M	Name: Samuel R. Hand Born: June 07, 1805 Married: Abt. 1830 Died: June 12, 1858 Spouse: Mary	in: Ohio in: Ohio in: Greene County, Ohio
6 M	Name: John Hand Born: Abt. 1803 Married: October 06, 1831 Died: 1837 Spouse: Sarah Jane Johnson	in: Kentucky or Ohio in: Clark County, Ohio in: Greene County, Ohio
7 F	Name: Phebe Hand Born: Abt. 1800 Married: June 05, 1826 Spouse: Matthew Erickson	in: New Jersey in: Greene County, Ohio
8 F	Name: Serepta Hand Born: Abt. 1807 Died: Abt. 1819	in: Ohio
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10 F	Name: Martha Hand Born: Abt. 1796	in: New Jersey

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Born:	1760
in:	Essex Co., New Jersey
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in:	Sugar Creek Twp., Greene County, Ohio

Notes

From the Hand Genealogy given to the Huntertown Historical Society. There are several bad errors in this account so will put down things that possibly are true.

William and Phebe were probably born on the eastern seaboard. They had 10 children. The census of 1790 has them living in Frederick County, Maryland. The census of 1810 has them living in Elizabeth, New Jersey. (Maggie Hawk thinks they were in Ohio by this date.....a lot of Wm. Hands out there).

And if the story of Joseph Vandolah and Mary Polly Hand and their marriage is correct then William Hand and his family were in Green Co., before that marriage, around 1804. (BF)

About 1818 they migrated to Greene County, Ohio. There they lived on a small farm in Sugar Creek Township. William died in 1819 and Phebe and some of the children continued to live on their farm. The daughter, Sarah, born November 25, 1799, probably in Frederick County, MD, gave birth to a son September 26, 1819. She named him George Washington Hand. On December 2, 1824 Sarah married William Erickson.

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The will of William Hand, Greene County, Ohio as sent to me by Margaret Hawk:

Recorded this 28th day of December 1819, Sears Wright, Deputy Clerk for Josiah Grover, Clerk State of Ohio, Greene County, SS.....Court of Common Pleas of the term of November 1819, this will was produced in open court and duly proven by the oath of Denny Hagu and Joseph Welch, subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be filed and recorded.

The Last will and testament of William Hand, dec'd.

In the name of God, Amen, I William Hand of Greene County, and the State of Ohio, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, being of sound mind and perfect memory, Blessed be the Almighty God for the same, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following (that is to say) First after paying funeral charges and all just debts, I bequeath unto my beloved wife, Phebe Hand, all my moveable or personal property to be at her own disposal, and also the use of all my land estate during her natural lifetime under the following restriction. She the said Phebe is _____ at the expense of raising and supporting my three youngest children, Samuel, John, and Serepta, until they arrive at age, and after the decease of my beloved wife, I further give and _____ (not readable on my copy) probably BEQUEATH _____ to my four sons, James, Benjamin, Samuel and John _____ my land or real estate being the place whereon I now live to be equally divided between them, the said James, Benjamin, Samuel and John and to hold to them the said James, Benjamin, Samuel and John, their heirs and assigns forever all the land aforesaid under the following reserve. If my personal property should not be sufficient to pay to each of my three daughters, Sarah, Phebe, and Serepta \$50 each, then and in that case my will is that the said James, Benjamin, Samuel and John shall equally pay one hundred and fifty dollars which I will and bequeath to be equally divided between my three daughters viz: To my daughter Sarah, \$50, to my daughter Phebe, \$50, to my daughter Serepta \$50. I will and bequeath to my daughter Betsy, \$2, I will and bequeath to my daughter Mary, \$2. I will and bequeath to my daughter, Martha, \$2, which is to be paid after the death of my beloved wife. And testify my will is that if any of my children should die leaving no heir, then, and in case, that part shall be equally divided between my surviving sons. I hereby appoint John Cramer to be executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this 5th day of June, 1819. I also appoint my wife executrix with my friend, John Cramer.

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Note from the will above that the possible order of the children, sons, were James, Benjamin, Samuel and then John. Would appear that Sarah, Phebe, and Serepta were still at home. Betsy, Mary, and Martha probably already gone from home. Sarah was born 1799 and had a son in 1819 though unmarried.

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Barbara Fahey lists a possible son, Joseph, who would have died before 1819. He was not listed in the will above.

Both Barbara Fahey and Margaret Hawk say that William's father might have been Daniel. The marriage was taken from Westfield, NJ, Presbyterian Church extracted records.....by M. Hawk

From the notes of Margaret Hawk:

Some info from the "History of Miami Co., Ohio", 1880, page 477.....It is not known when the family left New Jersey, but it does appear they may have stopped for a few years from about 1793 to 1799 in Mason County, Kentucky before coming on to Ohio. Mason Co. tax records which may apply, though not proved, to this William Hand. Whether they came directly to the Cincinnati area is not yet known, but they probably were not in Greene County much before 1815. William left a will in Greene County, Ohio, dated June 5, 1819, presented December 16, 1819, wherein he named his wife and their children. Three, Samuel, John, and Serepta were not then of age: two daughters, Sarah and Phebe, who probably were of age but not married were given \$50 each; and three daughters Betsey, Mary, and Martha were given \$2 each, indicating that they were probably married and had already received their share, but no married names were given.There was no mention of a daughter named Margaret (Margaret Hawk is descended from Margaret Hand and still looking for the correct connection.), so the parentage of Margaret Hand who married Patrick ? Preston, and William Pogue remains unsolved. Robinson's History of Greene County also listed a Joseph Hand as a son, but this relationship is not reflected in William's will and other documents so nothing more is known of him. William's land in Greene County which he acquired in 1819 (Book 7, page 287) was in Sugar Creek Township, Section 6, Township 3, Range 5, about 1 1/2 miles south of Bellbrook on the present Waynesville Road. He also once owned 74 acres of land in Hamilton County, near Cincinnati, which he sold in June 1816 (Hamilton Co. Deed Book Q, page 107, which may be the time they moved up to Greene County.

My addition to this: It doesn't add up with the story of the marriage of Joseph Vandolah and Mary Polly Hand as if they were married about 1804, they met across the road from the property where the Hands were living at the time. The story goes that Joseph was buying the property across from the Hand farm. And if the date of the marriage was 1804, then they would have to be living in Greene County at the time and in Sugar Creek Township. Perhaps the William Hand near Cincinnati was another William Hand. BF

We find some other Hand folks buying land in Allen, Wells, and Whitley Co. and in that area who have not been attached to this family so not sure where they might fit in. Will just make a list of them here to see if we can find where they might fit in.

Joseph W. Hand, who claims he is from the District of Columbia, Washington City

Moses Hand of Kosciusco Co., buying land in Whitley Co.

Peter Hand who bought land in DeKalb Co., South half of the NE quarter, Sec. 34, Twp. 34 NR 13 E.

Marriage Information	
Wife:	Phebe Jennings
Married:	June 03, 1786
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Westfield, Essex County, New Jersey
Source:	Margaret Hawk, says Westfield, NJ Presbyterian Church extracted records.
Wife:	Phebe Jennings
Born:	1761
in:	New Jersey
Died:	January 14, 1845
in:	Allen County, IN
Burial:	1845
	Perry Township Cemetery, Allen Co., IN

Notes

From 1820 Census of Sugar Creek Township, Greene County, Ohio

Phebe Hand 141-57

2 males 0 to 10 years born 1810-1820..G. W.,
2 males 10 to 16 years born 1804-1810..Samuel, John
1 female 0 to 10 years born 1810-1820..Serepta
2 females 16 to 26 years born 1794-1804..Sarah, Phebe
1 female over 45 years born before 1775...Phebe 56
1 in agriculture

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Margaret Hawks notes on Phebe:

She was shown in the 1820 census in Sugar Creek Township as the head of household, but was not found as such in 1835; however, she did appear in court in Greene County on Nov. 1, 1835 to attest to the transfer of her land to John Hand (Deed Book 16, page 431). She accompanied her Vandolah descendants and her granddaughter Sarah Anderson to Indiana.

Also Margaret did not note this, but also her daughter Sarah who had married William Erickson, also came to Allen County, IN, along with the son of Sarah's who they called George Washington Hand.

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We find Phebe Hand buried in the Perry Township Cemetery, near Huntertown, IN. She is near the rest of the Hands that are buried there and also close to the Vandolah plots. They all seem to be buried in close proximity. Have photographs of the tombstone.

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We find Phebe Hand getting an original grant on land in Allen County, IN
She says she is Allen Co., IN at the time
November 2, 1837.....80 acres.....East half of Southeast quarter of Section 18,
Township 33, N R 13 E

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Child:	Mary Polly Hand
Born:	Abt. 1788
in:	Essex Co., New Jersey
in:	still living at the time of the 1850 Census
Relationship with Father:	William Hand - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Phebe Jennings - Natural
Divorced:	December 18, 1829
	from William Whicker alleged extreme cruelty
First Name:	Given as "Polly" by Ohio River Families (orvf.com)

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Husband: Joseph Vandolah

Born: Abt. 1771 in: Hunterdon, New Jersey or Fayette Co., PA
 Married: Abt. 1804 in: Sugar Creek Township, Greene County, Ohio
 Died: Abt. 1814 in: Greene County, Ohio
 Father: Peter Vandolah
 Mother: Hester

Wife: Mary Polly Hand

Born: Abt. 1788 in: Essex Co., New Jersey
 in: still living at the time of the 1850 Census
 Father: William Hand
 Mother: Phebe Jennings
 Other Spouses: William Whicker, Samuel Fought

CHILDREN

1	Name: Joseph VanDolah	
	Born: June 14, 1805	in: Greene County, Ohio
M	Married: March 14, 1839	in: Allen County, IN
	Died: May 10, 1887	in: Allen County, Indiana
	Spouse: Druscilla Nickerson	
2	Name: James VanDolah	
	Born: January 22, 1807	in: Greene County, Ohio
M	Married: May 12, 1832	in: Greene County, Ohio, by Squire John James, at the bride's home at Washington Mills
	Died: October 24, 1851	in: Perry Township, Allen County, Indiana
	Spouse: Rebecca Tucker	
3	Name: Sarah Ann VanDolah	
	Born: September 01, 1811	in: Sugar Creek Twp., Greene County, Ohio
F	Married: February 27, 1836	in: Greene County, Ohio
	Died: April 16, 1888	in: Perry Township, Allen County, Indiana
	Spouse: William W. Anderson	
4	Name: William VanDolah	
M	Born: 1812	in: Greene County, Ohio
	Died: 1824	in: Greene County, Ohio
5	Name: Benjamin VanDolah	
	Born: February 07, 1812	in: Sugar Creek Twp., Greene County, Ohio
M	Married: July 03, 1842	in: Allen County, Indiana, Book 1C, page 22
	Died: August 05, 1876	in: Drury Township, Rock Island, Illinois (or Buffalo Twp)
	Spouse: Mary Ann Faustine	

Husband:	Joseph Vandolah
Born:	Abt. 1771
in:	Hunterdon, New Jersey or Fayette Co., PA
Died:	Abt. 1814
in:	Greene County, Ohio
Relationship with Father:	Peter Vandolah - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Hester - Natural
Burial:	1814 Zenia, Greene County, Ohio.....from Linda Schlatter

Notes

A short note in the Green County, Ohio, History says this:

Talking about the 1803 term of the first supreme court of Green County it says " At this term, in the case of William Orr vs. Peter Borders, leave was given to amend the declaration, on payment of costs - an indication that some attention began to be paid to special pleading. The first civil case that was tried by a jury, was that of Wallingsford vs Vandolah. A verdict was rendered for the plaintiff of 24 cents, upon which "he paid the jury and constable fees."

From Chris Hankins to continue the story: "At November term of the Court of Common Pleas.....the first civil case was tried by a jury. It was the case of Wallingsford vs. Vandolah, for slander. Wallingsford was a member of the Baptist Church, and Vandolah had said "Wallingsford is a liar, and I can prove it". A verdict of 25 cents was rendered for the plaintiff.

Case of Benjamin Wallingsford vs Joseph Vandolah.....

On the 17th day of March in the year of 1804, the Honorable Francis Dunlevy, Esq., presiding judge of the Court of Common Pleas commanded that the sheriff take Joseph Vandolah if he be found and keep him safely. He is asking for damages of \$300.00. The case continues in June of 1804. Ben is represented by Arthur St. Clair. He states in a lengthy diatribe that he had been a chaste and honorable man and never known to be adicted to lying, prevaricating, and falsifying his word and hath been accounted esteemed and reputed amongst straight, good, honest and prudent citizens as well. On the 5th day of February in 1804 certain false, feighed and scandalous words were said in the hearing of others. Joseph uttered the following words he, meaning the said Benjamin is a liar and I can prove it. Ben states further that his good reputation has been lost. He has been greatly hurt in his good name and reputation and has lost comfort, benefit, and advantages of being a member of the said society of Baptists and the satisfaction of their communion in the worship of his maker.

A short sketch of Joseph Vandolah.....from the BELLBROOK MOON, of Bellbrook, Ohio and sent to me by Margaret Hawk. "The collection of 1893"

A short sketch of Joseph Vandolah and how he got his wife about 80 years ago. Mr. Hand owned the farm where Newton Berryhill and John Underwood now live. He lived in a double log cabin that stood opposite the brick house where Matthew Berryhill now lives. Mr. Hand had a daughter called "Polly" for short, who was a young woman. One evening a young man by the name of Joseph Vandolah called at Mr. Hand's and asked if he could get to stay overnight. Mr. Hand with pioneer hospitality told him he could. The young gentleman was dressed in a buckskin hunting shirt, homespun pantaloons, coonskin cap and barefooted. He carried in his hand a stocking leg in which were 200 silver dollars. He was on his way to the land office situated at Cincinnati to enter the quarter section of land opposite where Msr. Hand lived and now owned by Matthew Berryhill. It is not known to this day which Miss Polly fancied most, Joseph's garb which covered true manly principles, her person, or the stocking leg!

Probably a combination of the whole. It soon became evident that she fancied the combination. It so happened, as such things do sometimes, that Joseph became enamored of Polly, which might be called a case of love at first sight, for before they slept that night, they had exchanged vows of love and fidelity, and before separating they fixed the date when Joseph was to return and seal their vows for life.

When the time came for Joseph to return and claim his fiancée, he thought, as it was to be the second most eventful day of a man's life, he must fix himself up in a more respectable garb, so he put on his Sunday-go-to-meeting clothes and punctually appeared at the house of Polly. His clothes changed his appearance so that Polly did not know him, but Joseph introduced himself as the man who carried the stocking leg, and they were married all the same. Joseph took his honeymoon at home erecting his log cabin in the woods upon the land which the two hundred dollars bought. They seemed to be well mated and lived a _____ peaceable life. He was not _____ bred but was sober and had _____ principles. He was a great bee hunter and would dig ginseng in the summer and dry it and carry it to Lebanon on his back and sell it and walk home, a distance of 28 miles round trip. One prolific year he dug more than he thought he could carry. He went to his neighbor, John Hawkins and asked him to lend him a horse. It was in November and quite cool weather. Mr. Hawkins granted his request and told him he must wear a pair of his shoes.

To accommodate Mr. Hawkins, he put the shoes on and wore them. When he came home he took the horse and shoes home and thanked Mr. Hawkins for the use of the horse and said to him, "You will not fool me again by getting me to wear them shoes." He said it rained on him and the water ran down his legs into his shoes and kept his feet cold all day, when, he said, if he had been barefooted, his feet would have dried off and kept warm.

They had five children, James, Joseph, William, Sarah and Benjamin. William died when he was about 12 years old. Mr. Vandolah was soon called to his final reward. James learned the millwright trade, which he followed through his life. He and Samuel Lam built and owned the Washington Mills that burned down a few years ago. He built the Evans Mill below Spring Valley and owned it in partnership with Mr. Evans. John Duck of this place learned the millwright trade under him. He married Rebecca Tucker, who was the daughter of Reason Tucker. They were married at the bride's home at Washington Mills, Squire John James officiating, which event occurred in about the year 1832.

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1816 Tax List for Greene County, Ohio.....Joseph Vandolah, 100 acres SW quarter, Sec 36,
Township 4, Range 5.

1817 Tax List for Greene County, Ohio.....Joseph Vandolah, 160 acres, SW q., Sec 36, T 4, R 5

1818 Tax List for Greene County, Ohio.....Joseph Vandolah, 160.....same as above

1819 Tax List for Greene County, Ohio.....Joseph Vandolah, 160.....same as above

1820 Tax List for Greene County, Ohio.....Joseph Vandolah Estate.....160, same as above

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Tax Lists were provided by John R. Rohde, a Tucker descendant

In a letter from Barbara Fahey, desc. of Benjamin Vandolah she says: "I've not seen the documents but believe some or all of Joseph Vandolah and Mary Polly Hand's children could have been raised by others. They were all quite young when Joseph died. My note (Benjamin was born in 1814 and Joseph died in 1814. The eldest, Joseph would have been about 9 at the time of his father's death)

Mary Polly remarried and divorced a William Whicker.

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Sources listed from Barbara Fahey on Joseph.....

1785 & 86 Washington Township, Fayette Co., PA
1803 to Sugar Creek Township, Greene County, Ohio
Owned land in Greene County, Range 5, Township 4, Section 36, SW quarter, 160 acres
Value in 1825 \$880
1800 tax residing between Great and Little Miami Rivers, Ohio
Death 1814 in Sugar Creek Township, Greene County, Ohio...death notice says, son of Peter
Birth of wife, Mary Polly Hand, given as 1786 to 1788 in Westfield, Essex County, New Jersey

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Notes from Margaret Hawk a Hand descendant:

She has Joseph's birthdate as about 1765 and his birth place as Fayette. She says "The story of his marriage to Mary Polly Hand was found in page 25, Vol 1, in scrapbook of articles from the Bellbrook Moon, published about 1895 in the collection of the Greene County Library, Zenia, Ohio. No date of the marriage was given, and no record has been found, but it probably occurred between 1805 - 08. The land his children inherited from him and sold in 1835 was in Sugar Creek Township, the SW quarter of Section 36, Fractional Twp 4, Range 5, which lies about one mile south of Bellbrook. Research by Barbara Fahey of Newport, OR (1997) indicates he may have been some 20 years older than Polly Hand and that he may be identical to the Joseph Vandolah who was on tax list in Washington Township, Fayette Co., PA, in 1785 and 1786 and that he may have been a brother of Peter Vandolah who also was in Greene Co., Ohio at the same time as Joseph." My note: The marriage must have taken place about 1804 as son Joseph was born June 14, 1805.

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From the genealogy of Linda Schlatter:

The sons, JOSEPH, James & Peter got land from Military Land Grant signed by President James Madison, in 1809.

She has Joseph's birthyear as 1763, and buried in Zenia, Greene Twp., Co.
And marriage 1803 in Sugar Creek Twp., Greene Co., Ohio

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Added information from Chris Hankins in his notes about Joseph Vandolah:

1763.....born in Hunterdon, New Jersey
1785-89.....paid taxes in Fayette Co, PA
1792.....paid taxes in Bourbon County, Kentucky
1798.....paid taxes in Hamilton C., Ohio
Assessed \$1 as the rate for a single man
1799.....Jan. 2, he held or owned title in Greene Co., Ohio
Greene County was formed in 1803 from a portion of Hamilton Co.
Listed as Virginia Military District lands
1800.....paid taxes in Greene Co., Ohio
Listed in the Northwest Territory, between the Great & Little Miami Rivers, Wash. Co
1803.....residing in Greene Co., Ohio, Sugar Creek Township
1803.....tried in the Court of Common Pleas in Nov. 1803, Greene Co., Ohio
1806-1810..paid taxes in Sugar Creek Twp., Greene Co., Ohio
1809.....owned or held title to property in Greene Co., Ohio

In describing a Virginia Military Land Grant in Ohio to Southy Bailey it showed.....lands bordering surveys of James, Joseph, and Peter Vandolah on the waters of Darby Creek. Signed by President Madison, April 8, 1809.

1814.....Joseph died in Greene Co., Ohio

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Wife:	Mary Polly Hand
Married:	Abt. 1804
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Sugar Creek Township, Greene County, Ohio
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Margaret Hawk's notes about Mary:

Birth date is estimated, per 1830 census. She was in her father's will, given a small bequest, which may indicate that she had received a previous settlement, perhaps when married. The names of her first five children and the two from her second marriage were found in the article in the Bellbrook Moon which described the circumstances of her marriage to Joseph Vandolah. She was known as "Polly"; probably was born in New Jersey. Her divorce petition from her second husband was filed on December 28, 1829 in Greene County, Ohio (abstracted in "Ohio Divorces:

The Early Years", by Carol W. Bell (1994) and alleged extreme cruelty, that he had beat her and threatened her life. She was granted custody of her two children, and her dower lands from her first marriage were restored to her. In December 1835 her children sold the land they inherited from their father and "included all their right in their mother's right of dower" (Greene Co. Deed Book 17, page 36). No burial record for Polly is found, but she was probably deceased before 1850.

An interesting marriage is noted from the DeKalb County Marriages in the year 1841.

August 26, 1841.....Samuel Fought to Mary Whicker

Possible BINGO!! Found in the 1850 Census of Perry Township,

Samuel Fought.....55 M.....born 1795.....Farmer.....born PA
 Mary62 F.....born 1788.....born New Jersey.....BINGO!

They are nestled in with the Hands and James Vandolah and Lucy Gump and John Tucker. The 1850 census is listed by areas and not alphabetically.

1840 Census of DeKalb County, In No township is given. Found on what may be page 501. It is near the end of the list. Note spelling, but the spelling is notoriously bad on these entries. So far I have found only this one Whicker family in the DeKalb and Allen Co., census entries.

MARY WHICHER

2 Males 15 to 20.....born 1820-1825.....about the right age for William and Stephen
 1 female 40-50.....born 1790-1800.....pretty close for Mary Polly Hand

Also in DeKalb County we find the marriage of William Whicker, probably the son, to Clarissa Adeline Thorp, giving credence that this may be indeed, the mother of William, and the Mary Polly Hand who married Thomas Vandolah. At this time I am not sure how I assumed this was the proper Wm. Whicker, but the age was about right. Need to get Margaret Hawk's booklet on these families to see if there is anything more. It is at the Ft. Wayne Library.

From Barb Crompton, a Whicker descendant:

Sir William Whicker (8-27-1760 to 11-2-1851)

Gives several places of birth:

England

North Carolina

Hanover Co., Virginia

A story written in school by Margaret Gertrude Jeremiah Sharp says that Sir William Whicker "Came to America working as an aide to an officer in the English troops around 1782. He was a nobleman in England. Seeing the struggles and purpose of the American armies, he decided to quit the English Army and join the revolution" Most of her story was verified in an obituary for William H. Whicker, in accordance to the Digest of Obituaries, Columbia City, Whitley County, Indiana, 1856-1910 by Raber.

It is documented that indeed he did work for George Washington's army until the end of the Revolutionary War.

Possible reason for variable places of birth given by Barb, is that he may have felt it necessary after the war to lie about his place of birth and may have felt compelled, for safety's sake, to say he was born in America in one of the two above places.

AfterAfter the Revolution he settled down to a farming life on land, in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York, that was granted to him by the Continental Congress. The land in Poughkeepsie was payment for his service in the war and his loss of land in England.

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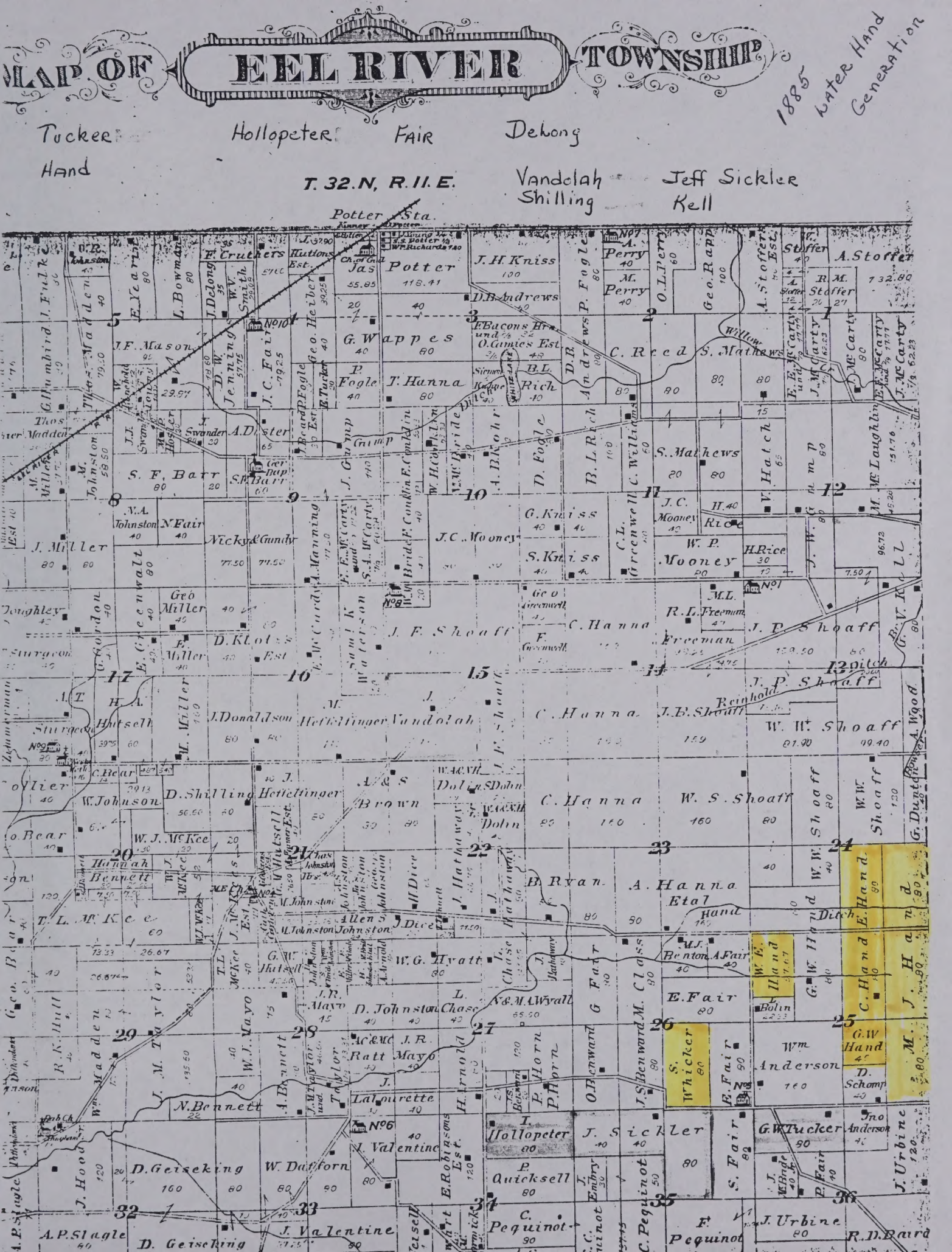
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Mary born 1785 born New Jersey BIRTH
at 5 born 1785 born PA
44 M born 1795



MAP OF

EEL RIVER

TOWNSHIP

1885
Water Hand
Generation

Tucker
Hand

Hollopeter

Fair

Dehong

T. 32. N, R. 11. E.

Vandolah
Shilling

Jeff Sickler
Kell

Potter Sta.

